GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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HAWALA RACKET IN AHMEDABAD
GADDE RAMAMOHAN;HARIBHAU MAHALE;M.V.V.S MURTHI;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Enforcement Dirctorate had busted hawala racket in Ahmedabad recently;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the seizure made and persons arrested in this regard; and

(d) the details of companies and persons involved and the further action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (c) The Ahmedabad zonal office of Enforcement Directorate had seized Indian currency, gold biscuits, silver bars, diamonds and jewellery worth Rs. 3.35 crores from a luggage van attached with Ashram Express. It is suspected to be ahawala racket and the matter is being investigated under the provisions of Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999. However, no one has been arrested as there is no such provision under the said Act.

(d) The Luggage Van was on lease from Northern Railways to M/s. J.S. Gurjar and Partners,Ahmedabad. Further investigation into the matter is being made and appropriate action under law will be taken on conclusion of the investigation.